

Imago Dei Christian Community

Handouts and Overheads from 6/24/07 Message

"The Christian Goes to War"

Overview of Just War Theory

- War must be a **Last Resort**
- War must be waged by a **Legitimate Authority**
- The war must be fought for a **Just Cause**
- The ultimate goal must be to **Reestablish Peace**
- There must be a **Reasonable Chance Of Success**
- The force used in the war must be **Proportional** to the injury suffered
- **Non-combatants** must **not to be targeted**

The Christian Quadrangle

- **Scripture**
- **Reason**
- **Tradition (of the Church)**
- **Experience**

For though we live in the world we are not carrying on a worldly war, for the **weapons of our warfare** are not worldly" (2 Cor. 10:3, 4).

For **our struggle** is **not against flesh and blood**, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. ¹³ Therefore **put on the full armor of God**, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand (**Eph. 6:12-13**).

We are all indoctrinated in **the myth of redemptive violence**: the basic belief that violence can create peace. We are trained to enjoy watching the "bad guy" get "what he deserves". - Walter Wink

Until we are ready to have the **courage for peace** that people have for war, nothing is going to change. - Dan Berrigan